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To Whom It May Concern:

I have two brief suggestion as to what the settlement with Microsoft should accomplish.

1) Microsoft should not be allowed to strengthen themselves through the settlement by offering a package of Microsoft products as part of the settlement. Specifically, they should be forbidden to give Microsoft Office and the Windows operating system to the country's poorest educational institutions. Instead, they should either provide cash directly or buy competing software and hardware for the schools.

2) Microsoft should be open their operating system's source to an independent third-party containing operating software engineers from various competing software companies who swear to an oath of secrecy. This allows, on one hand, the protection of the intellectual right of Microsoft while, on the other hand, the independent third-party can force Microsoft to truly open up their API and can divulge to the public any APIs that Microsoft tries to hide from their competitors.

Regards,

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